

Acton Cott
Shrewsbury
July 10 1857

My dear Gray

I duly received your note from Ipswich but have been too hardworked to make any answer having been anxious to finish and dispatch the remainder of Spruce's Centaurea plants before coming on a visit here for a few days and it is no joke labelling, distributing, counting and packing 22 sets (or 24 of ferns) However I got them all sent off yesterday morning and enclosed your parcel in a box to Hooker. It contains 176 specimens which with 94 sent in May makes 270, amounting to £5.0.0 - This with the balance of our account may

from Newtham
with
July 11 '57

be sent home either in two
P.O. orders on the Hereford Office
or in a crossed cheque on a London
banker as most convenient.

I am delighted to hear there is
still a chance of our seeing you
at Pontreilas and even Mr Gray
I only wish I could have asked
her to bring her Aunt and Cousin
too but unfortunately the capabilities
of our house and establishment are
limited. We are obliged to receive
rooms for one or two friends who
are coming to us this summer

but your and Mr Gray's room
will be ready to receive you during
the whole of August - excepting
only the 12th 13th and 14th when a
bow meeting at Whitfield on the
15th obliges us to invite for that
day & the night before and after
~~some~~ members of the archery

Society living in distant parts
of the County - they come however
on the afternoon of the 12th and
leave in the morning of the 16th
and any other days during
the month we shall be quite
at your & Mr Gray's service
- there are many things I want
to see you about

I began looking over the ferns
to take out mine but had not time
to finish - I will do so as soon as I
get home next week - Many
thanks for the trouble you have
taken about them

Yours very sincerely
George A. Coulton

Kindest remembrance to Mr Gray